

IN THE CLAIMS

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A golf bag carrier for transporting a golf bag and a plurality of golf clubs, each of the respective golf clubs having elongated shafts and golf club heads, the golf bag having a body and the shafts being situated in the golf bag with the golf club heads extending from the body, the golf bag carrier comprising:

an elongated body carrier body having a carrier cavity shaped to accept and generally surround the golf bag and the clubs; and

a golf club protection assembly coupled to the carrier and securing the golf club heads within the carrier cavity, the golf bag protection assembly comprising an adjustable protective helmet extendible over the heads of the golf clubs to engage and secure a top surface of the heads of the golf clubs and, and a protective member extendible about the golf club heads to engage and secure the side surfaces of the golf club heads, the helmet and the protective member collectively defining a protective enclosure for the golf club heads;

wherein the carrier body comprises a sleeve situated in the carrier cavity, the protective member passing through the sleeve.

22. (previously presented) The golf bag carrier of claim 21, wherein the carrier body is generally flexible.

23. (previously presented) The golf bag carrier of claim 21, wherein at least one of the helmet and the protective member includes a locking assembly.

24. (previously presented) The golf bag carrier of claim 21, wherein the protective member comprises a first free end, a second free end, and a length between the first free end and the second free end, the length of the protective member extendible around and generally conformable to a circumference of the golf bag.

25. (cancelled)

26. (previously presented) The golf bag carrier of claim 21, wherein the helmet includes a head portion and a shaft portion, the head and shaft portions foldable over the exposed golf club heads to secure the heads and portions of the shafts of the golf clubs proximate the heads, whereby the golf clubs are prevented from axial movement within the carrier cavity.

27. (previously presented) The golf bag carrier of claim 21, further comprising a wheel casing and at least one wheel.

28-39. (cancelled)